

****Update** State Police On-Scene of a Plane Crash- New Castle County**

New Castle County- The Delaware State Police, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) are continuing their investigation into an aircraft crash that occurred earlier this morning just west of I95 in the area of Churchmans Road.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred at approximately 8:53 a.m., this morning, August 18, 2019, when an aircraft crashed into a wooded area west of I95. A motorist that was traveling on I95 in the area of Churchmans Road reported seeing what appeared to be a plane crash into the wooded area.

Upon arrival to this location, a plane was discovered in the wooded area. It has been determined that the plane, a Beech Craft 55 Baron had recently taken off from the New Castle County airport. The plane was occupied by two individuals, a pilot and a passenger who have been pronounced deceased at the scene. Their names are being withheld at this time pending the notification of the next of kin.

Multiple agencies responded to the scene including over 12 Fire Departments, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), and the Division of Forensic Science (DFS).

The scene remains contained at this time and there are no road closures.

The Delaware State Police will continue to work with the FAA and the NTSB until the scene is cleared.

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/08/18/state-police-on-scene-of-a-plane-crash-new-castle-county/>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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